

Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
 Behavioral Health Action Team (BHAT)
 Suicide Prevention Subcommittee
 May 12, 2017 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
 St. Mary's County Health Department

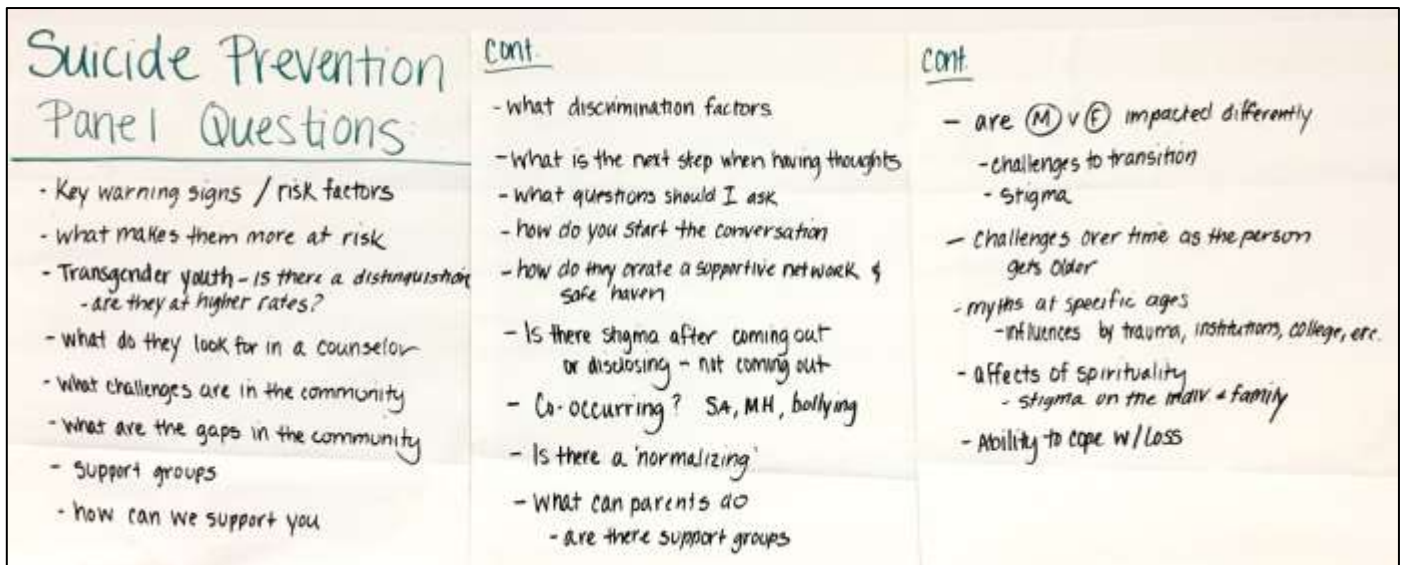
Minutes

1. Attendance: Carolyn Cullison – On Our Own (OOO), Dawn Tucker – Pathways, Greg Reuss – American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Glori Van Brunt – Private Practice, Gerry McGloin – Pathways, Gary Wilkerson – St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), Nat Scroggins – Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC), Greg Ford – SMCHD, Dee Rathbone – Parents Affected by Addiction (PABA), Sharon Gudger – Center For Children, Jenna Mulliken – SMCHD, Tammy Loewe – Department of Social Services, Rob Elrod – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH), Maryellen Kraese – SMCHD, Richard Russell – St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO), Heather Wolf – Pastoral Counseling Center, Lauren Abell – MSMH, and Jennifer Jossell – College of Southern Maryland (CSM).

2. Suicide Prevention Initiatives

a. Panel Event

i. The Co-Chairs provided a brief overview of the work done at the planning meeting in [April](#). The team then participated in a brainstorming session to come up with possible questions for the panelists. During the panel discussion, audience members will be given the option to ask their questions directly OR to write questions down on paper have them asked by the moderator. Questions from the brainstorming session will be pre-written for the moderator in order to supplement questions from the audience if needed. The results of the brainstorm are pictured below. Please e-mail additional questions to stmaryspartnership@gmail.com.



- b. Suicide Means Restriction Campaign
 - i. Gerry was given permission to use materials from a successful media campaign that was implemented in another state. AFSP has materials that were created in partnership with the National Shooting Sports Foundation that can also be distributed.
 - ii. AFSP will be giving presentations at Sanner's Lake Sportsman Club on firearm safety and suicide prevention.
 - iii. SMCHD will have an intern this summer that will work with BHAT partners on this project.
 - c. Behavioral Health Screening & Services in the Local School System
 - i. CFC is currently hiring counselors to work in the schools. There is a therapist on rotation.
 - ii. Glori indicated that the Great Mills High School program was very successful but in a limited capacity – many youth had to be waitlisted because the referral rate was so high. They are waiting on confirmation for funding for next year.
 - iii. The team hopes to work with the local school system to develop and support the implementation of an organizational policy/protocol for QPRT lethality assessments (or comparable suicide screening) for at-risk youth. Need to reach out to the school system now to arrange training for upcoming school year. The team also discussed looking at online training options.
 - iv. The topic of RSDT was raised as an option for school screening however the team has decided not to move forward in supporting this initiative.
 - v. 13 Reasons Why Controversy: [AFSP](#) and [MHA](#) have offered webinars on the controversial Netflix series *13 Reasons Why*.
- 3. HSMP Annual Meeting:** September 21, 2017 – [Register Here](#)
- a. The team brainstormed possible topics and speakers for the behavioral health breakout session: Working with LGBTQ clients, Cultural Competency, Brain Health, Stigma, Compassion Fatigue, Alternative Treatments/ Holistic Care (Dr. Schmitt locally may be a good speaker for this).
- 4. Partner Updates (time permitting)**
- a. SMCHD and CSM are hosting a training for behavioral health providers: [Providing LGBTQIA—Affirmative Behavioral Health Care](#)
 - b. Vendor are still being accepted for the annual [Juneteenth Celebration](#)
- 5. Next Meeting:** June 9, 2017 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the St. Mary's County Health Department, updates on:
- a. Local Opioid Misuse Prevention
 - b. Behavioral Health Transition

